

Upon the foregoing Question being determined in the Affirmative, and on due Consideration of the several Matters contained in his Excellency's Message Yesternight, communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following are entered in the Journal, as the *Resolves* of the Lower House of Assembly, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That the Letter from the Earl of *Holderness*, to his Excellency the Governor, be printed among the Proceedings of this House.

*Resolved*, That this House have, in the Course of their Deliberations, on the Subject Matter of his Excellency's Speech, strictly conformed to the Directions, and Restrictions, contained in the Earl of *Holderness*'s Letter, and that their Refusal to raise an armed Force in Aid of their neighbouring Colony, on the present Occasion, cannot be looked upon as a Non-compliance with his Majesty's most gracious Orders, but rather as a prudent Care of, and Concern for, the Ease and Welfare of the Country.

*Resolved*, That the Bill, prepared by this House, intituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service*, with the Indorsements thereon, and the Letter from the Lords Commissioners of Trade and the Plantations to his Excellency, be printed among the Proceedings of this House, to testify their Regard to the Recommendation of that honourable Board, and their Desire to co-operate with the neighbouring Colonies, in cultivating an Alliance and Friendship with the Six Nations of *Indians*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Duty of this House in raising Supplies, to do what appears to them to be just and reasonable and most conducive to the Ease and Advantage of the People, and that to consult any other Branch of the Legislature, how far the same might, without Hesitation, be concurred with, would be highly Derogatory of their Rights and Privileges, and a manifest Violation of the Trust reposed in them by their Constituents.

In Pursuance of the *Resolves* of the House, the following Letter is entered, *viz.*

S I R,

Whitehall, August 28, 1753.

HIS Majesty having received Information of the March of a considerable Number of *Indians*, not in Alliance with the King, supported by some regular *European* Troops, intending, as it is apprehended, to commit some Hostilities on Parts of his Majesty's Dominions in *America*: I have the King's Commands to send you this Intelligence, and to direct you to use your utmost Diligence to learn how far the same may be well grounded, and to put you upon your Guard, that you may at all Events be in a Condition to resist any hostile Attempts that may be made upon any Parts of his Majesty's Dominions within your Government; and to direct you, in the King's Name, that in Case the Subjects of any foreign Prince or State should presume to make any Inroad on the Limits of his Majesty's Dominions, or to erect Forts on his Majesty's Lands, or commit any other Act of Hostility, you are immediately to represent the Injustice of such Proceedings, and to require them forthwith to desist from any such unlawful Undertaking: But if, notwithstanding your Requisition, they should still persist, you are then to draw forth the armed Force of the Province, and to use your best Endeavours to repel Force by Force. But as it is his Majesty's Determination not to be the Aggressor, I have the King's Commands most strictly to enjoin you not to make Use of the armed Force, under your Direction, excepting within the undoubted Limits of his Majesty's Dominions. And whereas it may be greatly conducive to his Majesty's Service, that all his Provinces in *America*